

**711.4 Extortion.**

1. A person commits extortion if the person does any of the following with the purpose of obtaining for oneself or another anything of value, tangible or intangible, including labor or services:

- a. Threatens to inflict physical injury on some person, or to commit any public offense.
  - b. Threatens to accuse another of a public offense.
  - c. Threatens to expose any person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule.
  - d. Threatens to harm the credit or business or professional reputation of any person.
  - e. Threatens to take or withhold action as a public officer or employee, or to cause some public official or employee to take or withhold action.
  - f. Threatens to testify or provide information or to withhold testimony or information with respect to another's legal claim or defense.
  - g. Threatens to wrongfully injure the property of another.
2. Extortion is a class "D" felony.
3. It is a defense to a charge of extortion that the person making a threat other than a threat to commit a public offense, reasonably believed that the person had a right to make such threats in order to recover property, or to receive compensation for property or services, or to recover a debt to which the person has a good faith claim.

[C51, §2590; R60, §4213; C73, §3871; C97, §4767; S13, §4767; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13164; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §720.1; C79, 81, §711.4]

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